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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND, 1,300,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.
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CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.
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LONDON BANKERS—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East,
Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 8 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " " 4 " " "
" 12 " " 5 " " "

On Current Accounts at Rates which can be ascertained at their Office.

D. A. J. CROMBIE,

Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,
Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £200,000.
RESERVE FUND, £150,000.

Bankers.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On Current Accounts, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
On Fixed Deposits:
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

NOTICE.

FROM THE 1st of OCTOBER, DR. EASTLAKE will receive his PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS, No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the Medical Hall.

Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

For Sale.

RECENTLY ARRIVED, FOR SALE.

RODGERS'S CELEBRATED CUTLERY.

WATERLOO'S and DE LA RUE'S STATIONERY.
DESSEET and DINNER SERVICES.
TABLE GLASSWARE.
GENTS' TOOL CHESTS.
CABIN SUSPENSION and BULK-HEAD SWINGING LAMPS for OIL.
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SIGNAL and MASTHEAD LAMPS, (Latest Admiralty Regulation).
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A Large and Choice Assortment of American and English ELECTRO-PLATED WARE.

NEW and POPULAR BOOKS, INSTRUCTIVE and AMUSING. EDUCATIONAL WORKS.

WORKS OF REFERENCE. PRESENTATION BOOKS.

NOVELS, &c.

MUSIC & SONGS.

by First-class Composers.

OPERA, Musical Instruction Books, &c.

A Fine Selection of SHERRIES.

Very Fine "O.K." BOURBON WHISKY.

CHATEAU DE FRAUDS.

(A fine full flavoured Breakfast CLARET.)

BRANDIES. GIN.

LIQUEURS.

ALCS.

&c.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO.

Hongkong, February 21, 1879.

FOR SALE.

EUGENE RIMMEL'S TROPICAL FLOWER WATER.

TRIPLE EXTRACT.

SUPERIOR TO ALL SIMILAR PREPARATIONS.

VOGEL & Co.,

Sole Agents for China.

Hongkong, February 19, 1879. my10

FOR SALE.

58-inch SINGER & Co.'s "SPECIAL CHALLENGER" BICYCLE, quite new. PATENT BEARINGS.

PATENT SADDLE.

DOUBLE BRAKE, & EXTRAS.

Will be sold under Invoice Price; owner leaving Colony.

Apply to SAYLE & Co.,

Where Machine can be seen.

Hongkong, March 3, 1879.

FOR SALE.

COKE, £7.50 per Ton.

TAR, 10s. per Gallon.

Apply to

GAS WORKS,

West Point.

Hongkong, March 6, 1879. mal3

Intimations.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 24th March, 1879, at 3 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1878. The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 10th March to the 24th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

J. BRADLEE SMITH,

General Agent.

Hongkong, February 19, 1879. ma24

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS will visit SHARSHAI during the Summer Months, leaving Hongkong on the 1st of April next.

Hongkong, February 19, 1879.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

ARE AGENTS FOR

CURCIER and ADETS' CLARETS. W. T. ALLEN & Co.'s ORNAMENTAL COUNTRY'S BRANDY. IRON WORK. GILBEY & SONS' WINES. BASS'S DRAUGHT ALE. LETT'S DIARIES. ISIGNY BUTTER. TEACHER'S WHISKY. CONSTANTIN REVOLVERS. THE NEW LEAD JACKET. LONDON & CHINA EXPRESS, OVERLAND MAIL, and THE HOME NEWS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Beg to call Special Attention to the following Departments:—

COAST ORDER DEPARTMENT.

ORDERS from the COAST or OUT-PORTS are Promptly and Carefully Executed. Goods not in Stock will be procured, if possible, in the Colony.

SPECIAL ORDER DEPARTMENT.

BOOKS, SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS, ORNAMENTAL HOUSE or GARDEN FITTINGS, FURNITURE, PIANOS, MEDICINES, BILLIARD TABLES, ARMS, &c., &c., ordered from ENGLAND, at a Commission (all trade discounts being allowed) on the laid down cost, of 5 per cent. on amounts over, and 10 per cent. on amounts under \$100.

FORWARDING AGENCY.

PACKAGES of CURIOS, TEA, PRESERVES, &c., &c., forwarded to any Address in the UNITED KINGDOM by each P. & O. Mail, Charges in full collected either here or from the Consignees as desired. Particulars required with each Package are, Contents for declaration at Customs and value for insurance.

Hongkong, February 27, 1879.

EIGHT PER CENT. SILVER LOAN

OF THE CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT, Authorized by Imperial Decree dated the 14th Day of the Ninth Moon of the Fourth Year of Kwong-Su (9th October, 1878.)

Haiquan Taels 1,750,000—Shanghai Taels 1,940,500 Stock.

In Bonds of Shanghai Taels 500 each, bearing Interest from 11th April, 1879. The First Instalment of Interest being payable on 5th October, 1879, in HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI.

The Bonds are redeemable at PAR WITHIN SIX YEARS (1884) by HALF-YEARLY (ACCORDING TO THE CHINESE CALENDAR) DRAWINGS.

PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYABLE IN HONGKONG.

PRICE OF ISSUE—PAR.

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION hereby invites SUBSCRIPTIONS for SHANGHAI TAELS 1,757,000 of 8 PER CENT. Bonds at the issue PRICE OF PAR, payable as follows:—

SHANGHAI TAELS 10 per cent. on application.
" 90 " 15 days after allotment.

The Bonds will bear interest at the rate of Shanghai Taels eight per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly according to the Chinese Calendar, as per annexed Schedule, at the Offices of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, in Hongkong (at current rate of Exchange for Demand Bills on Shanghai) and Shanghai.

The first payment of interest on the full amount of each Bond will be payable on 5th October, 1879, at the above-mentioned places.

The Bonds will be redeemed at par within six years (1884) by 11 half-yearly Drawings, commencing 5th October, 1879, of Shanghai Taels 162,500 each, the balance of the Loan, Shanghai Taels 162,000, being paid off on 9th August, 1884.

The Drawings will take place in Hongkong in February and August in each year, and the Bonds so drawn will be paid off at par on the respective dates specified in annexed Schedule at the Offices of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, in Hongkong (at current rate of Exchange for Demand Bills on Shanghai) and Shanghai, after which dates interest on the Bonds so drawn will cease.

The Loan has been authorized by an Imperial Decree, dated 9th of October, 1878.

The Loan, principal and interest, is specially secured by the hypothecation of the Imperial Maritime Customs' Revenue of the ports of Shanghai, Foochow, Canton, Ningpo and Hankow—the five ports which have the largest Customs' Revenue of the Empire—to the extent necessary for the due payment of interest and repayment of principal of the said Loan.

The special hypothecation of Customs' Revenue to meet the charge of the present Loan is constituted by the deposit with the Hongkong and Shanghai banking Corporation of Customs' Bonds, signed by the Viceroys and Governors of the respective Provinces in which the Ports referred to are situated, which Bonds will be held by the Bank in trust for the holders of this Loan. These Customs' Bonds will be received, in case of need, in payment of Chinese Customs' Duties.

Certified Translations of the Official Documents authorizing the Loan, may be inspected at the Office of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hongkong and Shanghai.

Default in payment of any instalment at the due date will render all previous payments liable to forfeiture.

If no allotment is made, the deposit will be returned in full; and if only a portion of the amount applied for is allotted, the balance of the deposit will be applied towards the payment of the final instalment.

Bonds to Bearer will be issued against Allotment Letters and Bankers' Receipts.

	Principal.	Interest.	Total.
1st Instalment due 5th October, 1879.....	162,500.00	69,825.81	232,325.81
2nd " 30th March, 1880.....	162,500.00	69,825.81	232,325.81
3rd " 28th September, 1880.....	162,500.00	69,825.81	232,325.81
4th " 19th March, 1881.....	162,500.00	69,825.81	232,325.81
5th " 12th September, 1881.....	162,500.00	69,825.81	232,325.81
6th " 8th March, 1882.....	162,500.00	69,825.81	232,325.81
7th " 1st September, 1882.....	162,500.00	69,825.81	232,325.81
8th " 25th February, 1883.....	162,500.00	69,825.81	232,325.81
9th " 21st August, 1883.....	162,500.00	69,825.81	232,325.81
10th " 14th February, 1884.....	162,500.00	69,825.81	232,325.81
11th " 9th August, 1884.....	162,500.00	69,825.81	232,325.81
Shanghai Taels.....	1,757,000.00	415,857.66	2,172,857.66

Applications (Forms of which can be obtained at the offices of the Bank) accompanied by a deposit of Shanghai Taels Ten per cent., will be received by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation until the eleventh day of April, 1879, on which date the allotment will be made.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, AGENTS

Issuing THE LOAN;

(Signed)

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1879.

Intimations.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half-year ending 31st December last, at the Rate of ONE POUND STERLING (£1 Sig.) per Share of \$125, is PAYABLE on and after MONDAY, the 17th Current, at the Offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

G. FALCONER & Co., WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS, AND JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS AND BOOKS.

48, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, February 20, 1879. ma20

NOTICE.

ANY CLAIMS against the British Barque "JAMES SHEPHERD" must be sent in to the Undersigned before Noon of TUESDAY, the 11th Instant, or they will not be recognized.

MELCHERS & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, March 8, 1879. mr11

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from H. M. Naval Store-keeper, to sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,

the 11th of March, 1879, at 11 o'clock a.m., at H. M. NAVAL YARD,—

Sundry condemned NAVAL and VICTUALLING STORES, comprising:—

Old Wrought and Cast Iron, Iron Tanks, Leather Hoses, Canvas, Lamps, Lanterns, Glass, Clocks, Boats, etc., etc.

Sundry Provisions, Clothing, etc.

4 Tins each 4 gal. Ether.

And,

2817 lbs. Tobacco.

1000 Blankets.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery.

In Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.

All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,

Government Auctioneer.

Hongkong, Feb. 21, 1879. mr11

PUBLIC AUCTION.

TO BE SOLD by PUBLIC AUCTION, shortly, on a day to be hereafter named, unless previously disposed of by private contract,—

THE HONGKONG DISTILLERY, Situate at East Point, Hongkong, now in Complete Working Order, and Capable of Distilling upwards of 2,000 Gallons daily. The Property is of a most valuable nature, comprising THREE

PIECES of GROUND close to the water, viz.:—Inland Lots Nos. 749, 781 and 782, with the Substantially Built DWELLING HOUSE and BUSINESS PREMISES, erected specially for the purpose only a few years since, together with the MACHINERY, ENGINES, SHILLS, VATS, STOCK, and TRADE FURNITURE and FITTINGS.

For further Particulars, apply to

Messrs SHARE, TOLLER, and JOHNSON,

Solicitors, Supreme Court House, Hongkong.

Hongkong, March 5, 1879.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Steamship "DOUGLAS,"

Capt. M. Young, will be de-

parted for the above Ports on

TUESDAY, the 11th Instant, at Day-

light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LARSEN & Co.,

Hongkong, March 7, 1879. mr11

FOR SINGAPORE, PORT DARWIN, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling off the usual Coast Ports, and taking through Cargo and Passengers for New Zealand.)

The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer

"MENMUIR,"

Captain DARR, R.N., will be

despatched as above on TUESDAY,

the 18th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,

Hongkong, March 7, 1879. ma19

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR AMOY.

The Steamship

"DIAMANTE,"

Capt. THEBAUD, shortly du-

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY of Mr F. GROBLIN in our Firm CEASES To-day.

SANDER & Co.
Hongkong, March 1, 1879.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY of Mr WALTER SCOTT FITZ, in our Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASES on the 31st December last.

Mr CHARLES VINCENT SMITH is admitted a Partner from this date.

RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1879. 171

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Venice* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Hongkong, March 7, 1879. mal4

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. *AMAZONE*.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. *Indus*, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before To-day, the 7th instant, at 3 p.m., requesting it to be landed here. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after Friday, the 14th instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, March 7, 1879.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-signature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Ex "Ara."

H. J. A. H. (in cross) No. 107, Aldridge - Salmon & Co., 1 case Hosiery, from London.
Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

Intimations.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING Shareholders are requested to send in an account of BUSINESS CONTRIBUTED during the half year ended 31st December 1878, on or before March 31st, on which date the Accounts will be Closed.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 25, 1879. apl

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:-

BREITHOVEN, German barque, Capt. R. Haje, - Melchers & Co.
WANDERING MINSTER, British barque, Capt. Sieveright, - Captain.

LARGES, British barque, Capt. T. Brown, - Eduard Schellhaus & Co.

NREMIAN GIBSON, American barque, Capt. D. Lradford, - Meyer & Co.

CRADLE LEA, British barque, Capt. A. L. Wither, - Butterfield & Swire.

JOHN FRIEDRICH, German brig, Capt. A. H. Krenke, - Wieler & Co.

GOLDEN FLEET, British barque, Capt. James Wiltshire, - Gilman & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above-named Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 29, Queen's Road, in the city of Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 24th day of March next, for the purpose of confirming the Special Resolutions which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting held to-day.

Dated this 10th day of March, 1879.

By Order,
J. BRADLEE SMITH,
General Agent.

To-day's Advertisements.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Hindostan*, Captain T. S. GARDNER, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding her discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, March 10, 1879. fel7

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

March 8, B. P. *Watson*, American barque, Hawkins, Newcastle (N.S.W.) Jan. 10, Coal. - BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

March 9, *Esmeralda*, British steamer, 395, R. Cullen, Am y March 8, General - RUSSELL & Co.

March 9, *Orionum*, British ship, 1896, H. Beadle, Lisbon Nov. 8, Coal. - MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

March 9, *China*, Chinese steamer, from Canton.

March 9, *Republic*, American ship, 1361, J. K. Holmes, Newcastle (N.S.W.) Jan. 10, Coal. - CATTAIN.

March 10, *Golden Fleec*, British barque, 398, James Wiltshire, Cape Town Dec. 6, General. - GILMAN & Co.

March 10, *Thibet*, British steamer, 1671, J. H. Torbeck, Bombay Feb. 18, Gale, Penang, and Singapore, Mails and General. - P. & O. S. N. Co.

March 10, *Seiki*, Japanese man-of-war, 890, R. Inouye, Manila March 6.

March 10, *Hindostan*, British steamer, 991, T. S. Gardner, Calcutta Feb. 19, Penang, and Singapore March 1, 1,737 chests Opium, 2,601 bales Cotton, 1,178 bags Saltpetre, 90 bags Soap, 103 bags Cutback, 30 cases Castor Oil, 121 cases Sundries, and 2 cases Treasure (\$8,000). - DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

DEPARTURES.

Mar. 9, *Ocean*, for Melbourne, &c.

9, *Amoy*, for Canton.

9, *Johann Smith*, for Whampoa.

9, *Humboldt*, for Manila.

9, *Helene*, for Honolulu.

10, *Saga*, for Labuan.

10, *China*, for Shanghai.

10, *Esmeralda*, for Manila.

10, *Tartar*, for Whampoa.

10, *Kirkland*, for Chetoo.

10, *Holstein*, for Hamburg.

10, H.M.S. *Drimadaya*, for Singapore.

CLEARED.

Mignon, for Honolulu.

Douglas, for Coast Ports.

Olympia, for Manila.

Vicenta, for Manila.

Eva, for Chetoo.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Thibet*, from Singapore, &c., Mr and Mrs J. M. Brito, 2 children and 2 naves, Mrs Theband, 2 children and nurse, Messrs R. D. McKie, Harbison, Hopkins, Alexander, and G. Paton, and 69 Chinese, and 1 ayah.

Per *Hindostan*, from Calcutta, &c., Sir Thomas Wade and male servant, Lady Wade and maid, Miss Herschell, Mr and Mrs Cameron and maid, Mrs Taylor, Mr Macmahon and male servant, Mr Davidson, Mr and Mrs Julia, 2 children and servants, and 213 Deck.

Per *Esmeralda*, from Amoy, 169 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Tanis*, for Yokohama: from Hongkong, Mr and Mrs Muir, Mr J. Bulgio, and 2 Japanese; from Marseilles, Mrs Kirkwood, and Mr Joustain; from Naples, Mr Bellerine; from Singapore, Messrs Leger, and Schmale.

Per *Amazone*, for Shanghai: from Hongkong, Messrs Lucas, Beebe, H. H. Nelson, A. Andre, Thompson, Lent, and Sassoon, and Chief Justice French; from Marseilles, Mr Burmeister, Mrs and Miss French, Mr Delaplace, Fathers Grandier, Faplot, Mayer, and Salette, Sisters Louise, Gabrielle, Julie, Sophie, and Therese.

Per *Ocean*, for Brisbane, Mr F. J. C. Wildash; for Cooktown, 2 Europeans; Steamer; for Australia and New Zealand, 479 Chinese.

Per *Esmeralda*, for Manila, Messrs T. Lanagorte, J. R. de Rivera, V. Lopez, N. H. Palmer, and Chas. Germann.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The American barque *B. P. Watson* reports: Sailed from Newcastle (N.S.W.) Jan. 10th, 1879, from thence to 18 S. fresh variable winds; thence to 8 S. light Northwesterly and Westerly winds, current setting S.E. at times 40 miles per day. Crossed the Equator in 136 deg. E., N.E. trades light and 4 rables until nearly to the Bashee Channel, from thence strong North and North-westerly winds to port.

The British steamer *Hindostan* reports: From Singapore to 11 North light variable winds and fine weather, from thence to lat. 13 North strong northerly gales with heavy cross sea up to lat. 18. Afterwards moderate N.E. monsoon and fine weather, with high N.E. swell to arrival (ceased down during the night on account of fog).

The British steamer *Esmeralda* reports: Light monsoon with cloudy weather.

The British barque *Golden Fleec* reports: Fine weather and good winds from Cape Town to the Ombay passage, since which a succession of calms and heavy squalls. Had no N.W. monsoon at all until in the Bashee Channel, when it blew a fresh N.E. gale.

The British steamer *Thibet* reports: Met strong monsoon on 8th inst., lasted until evening of 8th.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:-

For YOKOHAMA:-
Per *China* at 3.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 11th inst.

For BANGKOK:-
Per *Dale*, at 4.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 11th inst.

For SAIGON:-
Per *Adria* at 5 p.m., on Tuesday, the 11th inst.

For SHANGHAI:-
Per *Thibet*, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 11th inst. Late letters received from 5.10 to 5.30, with 18 cents late fee.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:-

For SWATOW:-
Per *Yotung*, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 11th inst.

For HOIHOW & HAIPHONG, (Carrying Mails for Pakhoi and Hanoi). -
Per *Conquest*, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 11th inst.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET:-
The British Contract Packet *Delong*, will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 15th inst., with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe via Brindisi or Southampton; to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

N.B.-This Packet carries no mails for the Australian Colonies, E. or S. Africa, nor for Mauritius.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET:-
The United States Mail Packet *Belgia*, will be despatched on MONDAY, the 17th March, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be closed as follows:-

2.15 p.m. Registry of Letters ceases.

2.30 p.m. Post-Office closes, but Letters (except for Non-Union Countries) may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies (except the Bahamas and Hayti), Monte Video, Paraguay, and Uruguay can no longer be sent by this route.

Hongkong, February 26, 1878. mrl7

MAILS BY THE TORRES STRAITS PACKET:-
The Australian Contract Packet *Memuir*, will be despatched from Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 18th inst., with Mails for Singapore, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cleveland Bay, Bowen, Keppel Bay, Brisbane, Sydney, Tasmania, New Zealand, Fiji, and Melbourne.

Correspondence cannot be Registered after 11.15 a.m.

The Mails will be closed at 11.30. Supplementary mail on board with 18 cents late fee till time of departure.

Correspondence for Southern and Western Australia can be sent by this route if desired, but as a general rule it is better to send it via Galle.

Hongkong, March 7, 1879. mrl8

MAIL BY THE FRENCH PACKET:-
The French Contract Packet *Djennah* will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 22nd instant, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Naples; to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, India (via Madras); Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Seychelles, Reunion, Mauritius, Suez, and Alexandria. This is the best opportunity for forwarding Correspondence to E. Africa, the Cape, St. Helena, and Ascension.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, MARCH 10, 1879.

THE CONTRACT MAILS.

The following hours are observed in closing Mails, &c., by both the British and French Contract Packets:-

Day before departure:-
5 p.m.-Money Order Office closes; Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Day of departure:-
7 a.m.-Post Office opens.

10 a.m.-Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.

Quotations.

HONGKONG, March 10, 1879.

OPPIUM.-New Patna, cash...\$580

" Old Patna, cash... "

" New Benares, cash...556

" Old Benares, cash... "

" New Malwa, cash...800

" Old Malwa, cash... "

" Allowance Taela, cash...800

" Allowance Taela, cash... "

Exchange.

Bank, Wire, ... 3/54

" 30 days' sight, ... 3/65

" 6 months' sight, ... 3/72

Credits, ... 3/72

Documentary, 6 months' sight, ... 3/72

India, Wire, ... 22 1/2

" demand, ... 72 1/2

" 80 days' sight, ... 72 1/2

Bar Silver, 17 dwts. 6, ... 109

Sycee, ... 2 1/2

Mexicans, ... 28 3/4

Gold Leaf, 99 1/2 touch ... 28 3/4

Sovereigns, ... 5 55

Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 45 % prem.

Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$1,450

North China Ins. Co., Tls. 1,300

China Traders' Ins. Co., \$1,400

Yongtze Ins. Assoc., Tls. 715

Chinese Insurance Co., \$292 1/2

H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$700 ex div.

H.K. & W. Dock Co., par.

H.K. C. & M. S. Boat Co., \$7 dia.

Shanghai Steam Navigation, Tls. 16

China Coast St. Nav. Co., Tls. 108

Hongkong Gas Co., \$80

Hongkong Hotel Co., \$65

China Sugar Refining Co., \$128, ex div.

Chinese Imperial Loan, \$113, cum int.

Do. of 1877, \$110, ex coupon

Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.)

HONGKONG, March 10, 1879.

BAROMETER-9 a.m. ... 30.270

Do. 1 p.m. ... 30.200

Do. 4 p.m. ... 30.190

THERMOMETER-9 a.m. ... 63

Do. 1 p.m. ... 63

Do. 4 p.m. ... 62

Do. (Wet bulb) 9 a.m. ... 62

Do. Do. 1 p.m. ... 62

Do. Do. 4 p.m. ... 60

Do. Maximum ... 63

Do. Minimum overnight ... 52

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW

Shipping.

Daylight.-*Douglas* leaves for Coast Ports.

Auction.

11 a.m.-Sale of Sundries at Naval Yard.

Miscellaneous.

Claims against the *James Shepherd* must be sent in to the Agents before Noon.

General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, March 12:-
9 p.m.-Meeting of St. John's Lodge.

FRIDAY, March 14:-
Goods per *Amazone* undelivered after Noon, subject to rent and landing charges.

SATURDAY, March 15:-
Noon.-English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

9 p.m.-Meeting of Perseverance Lodge.

MONDAY, March 17:-
3 p.m.-Occidental & Oriental S.S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

TUESDAY, March 18:-
Noon.-*Memuir* leaves for Singapore, &c.

MONDAY, March 24:-
3 & 3.30 p.m.-Meeting of Shareholders of The Chinese Insurance Co., Limited, at No. 39, Queen's Road.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,

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Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

The publication of this issue commenced

J. Bradlee Smith (secretary),—representing about 750 shares.

The SIX RETARDED having read the notice convening the meeting.

The CHAIRMAN said: Gentlemen,—You have just heard read the notice convening this meeting, the objects of which have been before you for some time past in the daily papers, and before submitting to you the Resolution embodying these proposed alterations I would like to make a few remarks in regard to them. The first clause refers to the change in the future management of the Company, which is to be in the hands of the Directors and Secretary, and by this arrangement a very material saving in the working expenses will be made, which will no doubt meet with the entire satisfaction of the shareholders.

Clauses Nos. 2 and 3 explain themselves fully, but I might mention that the Directors were induced to propose having this matter placed entirely in their hands so that, should the business of the Company not warrant the payment of 12 per cent. interest per annum, they might be in a position to fix a lesser rate so as to avoid encroaching upon the Reserve Fund, unless it was in the opinion of the Board very desirable to do so, in which case it would be well to have the authority from the shareholders so to do. It is of course understood that whenever the profits of the Company admit, the full rate of 12 per cent interest per annum will be paid against the Company's shares. Clause No. 4 and 5 require no special mention beyond the fact that a given notice of 14 days will be much more convenient than the present fixed notice of 80 days. Clause No. 6: With regard to this proposed alteration I beg to say that, as the Company's Deed of Settlement now stands, no Special Resolution, with a view to altering any of the Articles of Association can be brought forward unless there are at least 500 shares of the Company's stock represented at such meeting, which number it is not always practicable to get together within a reasonable time owing to the fact of the shares of the Company being so widely distributed, so the Directors suggest that the matter of altering the Articles of Association, as circumstances may warrant, be governed by the Companies' Ordinance No. 1 of 1865, which I doubt not will meet with your approval. Clause No. 7,—This clause refers to the new copy of the Company's Deed of Settlement in which is embodied the various alterations as already given, together with several important alterations consequent upon the changes in the management of the Company in future. Before putting the resolutions I shall be glad to answer any questions (a pause). I beg now to put before you the Resolutions in full.

- 1.—That the Business of the Company be in future managed by a Board of Directors and a Secretary instead of the former and General Agents as heretofore.
- 2.—That if in the opinion of the Directors the Business of the Company in any year be such as not to warrant the Payment of Interest at \$12 per cent. per annum on the Paid-up Capital, they may, during such year reduce such Rate to such lower amount as they may consider desirable for the Interests of the Company.
- 3.—That it shall be lawful for the Board from time to time to appropriate any portion of the reserve fund for the payment of interest on capital.
- 4.—That when there shall be profits applicable for dividend, the same shall be divisible as the Shareholders in Meeting shall determine.
- 5.—That Fourteen Days instead of Thirty Days notice may be given of all Meetings of the Company.
- 6.—That Clause 147 of the Articles of the Association of the Company be expunged, leaving future changes in the Regulations of the Company to be made as provided for by Ordinance No. 1 of 1865.
- 7.—That the printed Articles or Regulations marked A hereto annexed embodying the alterations in the Regulations of the Company authorized by the preceding Special Resolutions, be in future the Articles of Association of the Company to the exclusion of all other Regulations heretofore in force.

The CHAIRMAN then proposed that the Special Resolutions as read be adopted.

Mr. DEANE said he had great pleasure in seconding the adoption of the resolutions proposed. Most of them were necessitated by the change in the general management of the Company from a Board and Managers to a Board and Secretary, while the others were rendered necessary by the altered state of business relations in China. The resolution respecting the discretionary powers of the Directors to pay \$12 per cent. interest was one that would be very satisfactory to the majority of the shareholders.

The resolutions were unanimously carried.

The CHAIRMAN, having thanked the shareholders for their attendance and said there was no further business before them, informed them that a meeting to confirm their present action would be held in a fortnight, and by that time the new Articles would be printed.

This closed the proceedings.

MACAO.

A CORRESPONDENT writes:—The procession of the Cross, which was to take place at Macao on Sunday, the 2nd inst., having been postponed in consequence of unpropitious weather to Sunday last, another excursion started from Hongkong last Saturday at 6.30 p.m. in the steamer *Pouan*, which vessel was well dressed with flowers and evergreens.

Owing to the convenience of both the hour of departure and that of the return trip, about 500 people availed themselves of the opportunity and joined the excursion, which was one of the most enjoyable we ever experienced, nothing having occurred to mar the contentment of the pleasure-seekers. The weather both ways was all that could be desired, and the fine steamer of the Company was, so to speak, only an immovable floating palace, where every comfort could be found.

The procession was formed at 4.30 p.m. on Sunday, and was as imposing as that of last week; the number of devotees that took part on the present occasion for surpasses those of the former years, the Hongkong people greatly increasing the crowd. The procession, following the usual itinerary, reached St. Agostino Church at about 6.15 p.m., when the Rev. Dr. Carvalho preached a rather lengthy but very touching and eloquent sermon. At about 8 o'clock all was over and our excursionists repaired to

their temporary houses for dinner, leaving an hour afterwards for Hongkong, amidst the cheers of their friends they left behind and the firing of crackers and music lights at the wharf, where a band of music contributed not a little to enliven the occasion.

Police Intelligence (Both Magistrates Sittings)

10th March, 1879.

ASSAULT.
Sung Acheung, a hawker, was convicted of an aggravated assault upon one John Noon, a seaman on board of H.M.S. *Fly*, and sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment with hard labour.

LARCENY.
Chan Afuk, a coolie, for stealing some entrails, of the value of 10 cents, was sentenced to four months' hard labour. There was a previous conviction for larceny against him.

EXCISE ORDNANCE (OPTUM), 1868-1879.
Li Chuk Sing, a shopkeeper, was charged at the instance of Soo Aloy, one of the Excise Officers appointed under the above Ordinance, for retailing prepared Opium without a license. After a careful investigation of the case, the Magistrate fined the accused \$100 or six weeks' hard labour, in addition to forfeiture of the Opium, which however did not amount to much, there being only about one half weight of it. One half of the fine if paid, as well as the confiscated Opium, were ordered to be given to the Farmer.

LARCENY FROM THE PERSON.
Lan Aing, a chair coolie, was convicted and sentenced to four months' hard labour for stealing a hat from the person of Wan Aing at the Recreation Ground yesterday.

AN OLD "SINNER."
Chan Akin, describing himself as a mendicant and aged 61 years, was convicted and sentenced to four months' hard labour for stealing three catfish from one Wong Aohay. The prisoner was identified as having been convicted of a similar offence at the latter end of last year.

THE "KATE WATERS" MURDER.
This case is likely to be further adjourned. It was remanded until to-day, but owing to the pressure of work in the Court it had not been commenced when our Reporter left.

GENERAL BUSINESS.
The other cases before the Magistrates consisted chiefly of unlicensed hawking, and selling marketable things in the Streets in contravention of the Markets Ordinance.

NEWS BY THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. Co.'s steamship *Thibet*, Captain J. H. Torbock, from Bombay 18th, Galle 24th, and Penang 28th ult., and Singapore 3rd inst., with the London mail of the 31st January, arrived this forenoon.

TELEGRAMS. (Straits Times)

The Times in a leading article announces that there is reason to believe that the South African Colonies will adopt a system of federal Government.

London, Feb. 27.—The extraordinary credit of £1,500,000 asked for on account of the Zulu War was unanimously carried. The Naval Estimates for the year amount to £10½ millions, being a decrease of 1½ millions.

London, Feb. 28.—Her Majesty the Queen will visit Italy, Inognito, at the end of March, making a short stay at Lago Maggiore.

Later news from the Cape is dated 11th February and reports that the British still remain on the defensive—the frontier is quiet—the colours of the 24th Regiment have been recovered—and the Boers of the Transvaal refuse to assist the British.

(From Indian Papers.)
London, Feb. 15.—Consols at 96½, being a rise of ½ upon previous quotations.
St. Petersburg, Feb. 16.—A Manifesto has been issued by the Czar which rectifies the definitive Treaty of Peace signed on the 8th instant. Orders have been given for the withdrawal of the troops.

London, Feb. 17.—Advices from the Cape announce that Colonel Pearson, commander of Natal and commanding centre column, is safely established at Ekowe. No hostile Zulus are in Natal.

The Times has an article this morning urging the simultaneous reduction of British troops and the native army in India.

London, Feb. 17.—General Lord Napier of Magdala has been summoned to London and has arrived.

The Secretary of State for War, in replying to a question, said that Government did not intend despatching any Indian troops to the Cape.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer said, in replying to a question, that a loan of £2,000,000 to the Indian Government will not be proposed until after the budget is presented and must be the subject of a special bill.

Calcutta, Feb. 17.—Zaid Bin Mohammed is continuing his practical aggressions on the Katesh-coast of the Persian Gulf. The measures taken by the Turkish Government to stop them have failed.

The Home Government have thanked the Indian Government for their offer of troops to proceed to the Cape. They expressed gratification at the readiness and ability of India to help; at the same time Her Majesty's Government have not availed themselves at present of the proffered contingent.

London, Feb. 18.—At the county of Cork election the Home Rule candidate, Colonel Colthurst, was returned by a large majority in the place of the deceased member, Mr. McCarthy Downing.

The strike at Liverpool amongst the dock labourers has come to an end. Consols 96½.

Alexandria, Feb. 18.—The discharged officers made a armed demonstration to day, demanding the arrears of their pay. The President of the Council of Ministers was wounded and Mr. Rivers Wilson was insulted. The rioters were dispersed by the military.

Berlin, Feb. 19.—The German Parliament has rejected by a large majority the proposal of Government to prosecute two Socialists deputies who, after having been expelled, have returned.

London, Feb. 20.—The latest news from the Cape is that the column under Colonel Evelyn Wood of Utrecht, Wakkerstroom district, was attacked on the 24th ultimo by a force of four thousand Zulus. The engagement resulted in a victory for our troops, with but trifling loss. Enemy were completely scattered. Colonel Wood is now falling back upon Utrecht. The first reinforcements for the Cape have started.

The Times of this morning again urges the reduction of the armies of the Indian native Princes, which it asserts are wholly out of proportion to their necessities. The acquisition of a satisfactory frontier, according to the article, justifies such a step being taken.

It is announced that Lord Napier of Magdala has arrived in London merely to attend Parliament.

Aden, Feb. 20.—The Nizam, with the outward Malls of the 6th instant, left for Bombay at eight o'clock last night.

London, Feb. 20.—Correction: The native army mentioned in the Times article of the 17th instant, referred especially to the armies of Native Princes.

Alexandria, Feb. 20.—The President of the Council of Ministers has resigned. Consols 96½.

Rangoon, Feb. 20.—It is reported that the King of Burmah has murdered all the Princes and their families, and also that he has replaced the old ones.

Calcutta, Feb. 21.—There has been a wholesale execution of the palace and prison relatives, male and female, of the late King of Burmah by order of the present King, who seems to be displaying a sudden ferocity.

The widows of the late King are, it is feared, included in the late slaughter, which is causing great alarm. The Mandarins Resident has been exerting himself boldly to remonstrate against these acts, but it is doubtful whether his protests will be effective. He has no means of ascertaining what is going on.

THE AFGHAN CAMPAIGN.

Gulistan Karez, Feb. 10.—Beside Friend, who died last night, Private Wardall died this afternoon. The rest are doing well.

The bodies of the five Gazies are to be burnt this evening. General Nuttall for sanitary reasons removed his camp to-day half a mile further from the city. News has been received from the Herat road that General Lay with two battalions has fallen back one march. The rest of General Biddulph's force is remaining in the advance position. No news has come from General Stewart, but he is expected here in two days. A report of the Ameer's murder has been received here, but is much doubted in the best quarters.

Kohat, Feb. 11.—On Thursday last General Roberts ordered Mr. McPherson, the correspondent of the Standard to leave the column on account of criticisms in that paper on the 2nd of January, Mr. McPherson regards this as vindictive on the General's part, and states that he closed the wires to prevent him (Mr. McPherson) explaining. General Roberts charges that the statements in the Standard were false and coloured. McPherson replied fully, but his explanation was disregarded. He considers that this is an unscrupulous attempt to stifle free criticism, and he asserts that the whole correspondence of the London and Indian Press is now in the hands of General Roberts' personal staff.

Mr. McPherson states that he never sent a line of criticism, and regrets a telegraph (if telegram) from Rawal Pindia. Before dismissing him from the camp, General Roberts appointed an Aide-de-Camp correspondent to the Standard.

Kandahar, Feb. 12, via Gulistan Karez, Feb. 15.—Major Sandeman is expected here on Saturday to arrange with General Stewart the details of the scheme to open up the new road from Pishlu to Mooltan through the Pathan country, by this route General Biddulph's force returns, with probably General Nuttall in command of the advance guard, accompanied by Major Sandeman. The K. A. K. A. and a wing of the 12th Native Infantry return on Saturday with them. General Primrose, it is expected, will take the command, and General Biddulph hopes to start from Pishlu for Mooltan in three weeks. The British troops to remain here for the summer at the 60th and the 69th, with the Royal Artillery, except the G-4 and a Mountain Battery.

Gulistan Karez, Feb. 15.—I have received the following from the Times of India's agent sent on to Herat:—"Of the six cavalry and sixteen foot regiments that were here, two cavalry and one infantry went to Kandahar, and now two cavalry and two foot are off to Maimana."

"Mahomed Omar Khan, the Governor of Herat, Nazir Hossain Ali, commands the troops. Meer Usuf Khan, late Governor of Kandahar, is staying at Purrat. The Herat public want the English army to come very much."

"Bazaar reports say that the Russians are close to Merv and that they are coming towards Merv. I do not attach any importance to this rumor, as your correspondent at Maimana says nothing on the point."

Karez, Feb. 16.—The head quarters of Goorkhas have just arrived from Quetta. A convoy has gone to bring in Colonel Hughes' brigade. General Biddulph is expected to return on Tuesday. There was a rumor of another attack to-day. So far it has come to nothing, though troops are kept handy. The weather again is threatening to impede the retirement of troops. The transport is very scarce. Part of the troops remaining will be cantoned during the summer on the plateau of the Kohak Pass, a splendid position which should never be surrendered.

Calcutta, Feb. 17.—General Stewart has returned from Kandahar on 16th. A large portion of the force with General Biddulph returns at once to India. General Stewart remaining at Kandahar. On the 11th the Argushan expeditionary force was at the entrance of the Marohel Valley, the Sardar expressing his willingness to visit Kandahar and furnish supplies. Next day the camp was suddenly assailed by a small party of Gatis supported by Sowars and footmen at a distance. After firing several shots, one Gati dismounted and advanced close to the quarter guard with a sword in his mouth, firing as he advanced. He was shot and finally cut down without wounding any one. The cavalry pursued the remainder, killing two, and wounding one. An immediate advance on Marohel is expected, where a large quantity of the Ameer's treasure is reported to be.

Calcutta, Feb. 17.—Wally Mahomed reached Jalahabad on the 16th.

Calcutta, Feb. 21.—The Ameer is reported to be still at Mazari-Sheriff. General Roberts' head quarters have reached Thall.

REPORT ON THE POLICE FORCE AND CRIME.

The Report of the Committee of the Legislative Council appointed by H. E. the Governor "to consider certain matters connected with the Police Force and Crime" has been issued. It is a bulky document of 126 pages, and contains, besides the Committee's Report, the evidence taken during its sittings, and many official papers referring to the subjects dealt with. We reproduce this evening the last half of the Report, as it is the most important portion, reserving the first half (which deals with the strength, composition, duties, &c., of the Police Force) for another day.

CRIME IN HONGKONG.

22.—Certain papers have been laid before the Committee with respect to crime in Hongkong for the past few years, with the view of eliciting their opinions upon them. The subject is too wide and complicated to be dealt with exhaustively in the Report, and the Committee will, therefore, chiefly confine their remarks to the questions prominently raised by Mr. Deane's letter from Bath of the 20th November, 1877, which appears, together with a "Return of cases of 'serious Crime from 1867 to 1878,'" in the Appendix at p. vi. Mr. Deane points out that the method which has been followed for several years in his department of dividing crime into serious and minor offences is arbitrary, and it would seem, that the bulk of cases which each year find themselves classified as serious ought not to appear in that category at all. For instance, speaking of Highway Robbery in 1876, Mr. Deane says "of the reports of Highway Robbery two v. c. false, and in eight cases the property stolen was so small, as to average under the value of \$4 in each case. On one occasion only was property worth more than \$25 stolen." The chief increase has been in cases of simple larceny, "and it is owing to this principally, it might be said entirely, that the apparent increase of 'serious crimes' exists."

23.—Such being the case, are these returns, regarded as statistics, fallacious? And why has not another manner of grouping crimes been adopted? Take for example the cases under the head of "Burglary" in Mr. Deane's "Return." The term is suggestive of a very serious order of crime indeed. These cases rose from 62 in 1867 to 274 in 1870, maintained nearly the same standard in 1871, and gradually decreased year by year till in 1874 they had fallen to 69, since when they have fluctuated to no very marked extent year by year. Now as to this particular offence, the Committee call attention to the following passages from Mr. Creagh's evidence:—

"Mr. Creagh.—In 1875 there is a large increase in larceny from a dwelling house and burglary, but these were classed together as a very small proportion of these were burglaries. Larcenies too, increased in 1875."

"Hon. T. C. Haylar.—When you quote statistics the first thing is to know the key. If you say in 1871 two classes of offences were classed as burglary, you might make any sort of inference."

"Mr. Creagh.—I don't say they are classed as burglary. I say they are classed together; they are both put down together, so that you cannot say how many there were of each; now last year I separated them; of course larceny in a dwelling house is a different thing from burglary."

It is, indeed, so very different a thing that, when we find that it has been "a very long established practice in the police to class them together" (p. 54), the fact goes a long way to shake confidence in the police returns as statistics.

INCREASE OF CRIME.

24.—Taking, however, the tables as they stand for the past ten years, and allowing a like average of deductions each year for false reports, slightness of the nature of offences classed as serious, and the like, it is impossible to resist the conclusion that crime on the whole has been increasing since the year 1874.

25.—The causes of this increase are purely conjunctural. The steady increment of the population as suggested by Mr. Deane in his already quoted letter, "doubtless accounts for much. Famines and floods on the mainland and consequent destitution may also have had considerable effect as suggested by Mr. Creagh in his annual report for 1877. Mr. Creagh also attributes some of the increase to salt smuggling, which, in his opinion, has in recent times brought into the colony a set of desperate men often armed to the teeth, who have no honest means of getting a living and who "in the natural course of things would take to other crimes." (p. 55 and 56.) Gambling, also, which is an offence which becomes at times very rife and is with great difficulty suppressed, is beyond question a fruitful source of crime. The insufficiently guarded state of the town at night has, in the opinion of the Committee, probably had more to do with the increase in some classes of offences than any other cause, and it is of course possible that an ungrounded belief in the total abolition of corporal punishment may have, for a time, influenced the growth of others. (App. p. p. xvi and xvii.)

THE WING LOK STREET ATTACK.

26.—The Wing Lok Street case (an account of which appears in the Appendix, p. li, et seq.), which was certainly a very exceptional one, and could not have been anticipated, affords an illustration of the views of the Committee as to the insufficient polling of the town at night. Wing Lok Street lies in Section No. 8, and Section No. 8, Best No. 3 extends "from No. 5 Station through Bonham Street to Harbour Wharf, the office, back by Praya to Gibb's Wharf, through Kwong Lun Street (that) to No. 5 Station, taking side Streets within those boundaries." On the night of the attack, the 24th September, two men went on this section to do the duty of three, one European, McDougal, (whose evidence as to the transaction appears in the App. at p. li), who covered two beats, and one Chinaman, Leung Yan, who had charge of No. 3 beat. This beat he "ought to cover thoroughly in half an hour," but practically his movements were unobserved, for there was an Indian Sergeant on patrol, "who was supposed to visit all the beats," the latter had, as a matter of fact, "also sedition and some thirty odd posts to look after." (p. 55 and 56) which, in the opinion of the Committee, was a duty impossible for him to perform. Then there was a European Constable, Delague, on duty at Gibb's Wharf, and a man at the Cross Roads. None of these

men were armed. But not only was the land force in the immediate neighbourhood of the attack thus very weak, it also unfortunately happened that in order to fill the place of 13 time-expired Indians, who had, according to custom, got a fortnight's leave of absence before their retirement from the force, two boats' crews belonging to the Water Police had been withdrawn to do duty on shore. This arrangement which, as appears from the order to Inspector Grimes, had been in force since 2nd September, had taken away four Europeans and sixteen Chinese from their regular duties, so that the night being divided into two watches, two boats at a time were taken on the Victoria side had been left during the night for about three weeks under the guardianship of two boats only, and these in charge of Chinese instead of Europeans; one of which did duty from the Slaughter House to Peddar's Wharf and the other from Peddar's Wharf to Jardine's. The Water Police also was thus dangerously weakened; and as this state of things would probably have been carefully noted by the evil disposed among the floating population, it seems to the Committee to have offered considerable temptation to the commission of the offence.

ARMING THE POLICE.

27.—The renewal of an attempt like the foregoing originating in the harbour or coming from the mainland ought to be rendered an impossibility by a judicious use of steam-launches, but still additional precautions should be taken in the way of a further arming of the police. Up to 1870 the Indians, who then composed the bulk of the Land Force, had been armed with carbines, but on the 30th September in that year an order for disarmament was made by Mr. Rice, then in temporary charge of the corps. It was done on a report of Inspector Horspool, and the general order will be found at p. 18. Under the circumstances and for the object stated in the order, this disarmament does not appear to the Committee to have been an unreasonable step at the time; but experience has proved that it was one which could not and probably never will be taken with due regard to safety, and in spite of some manifest inconveniences the Committee have no hesitation in recommending the general arming of the force stationed in the City.

Between the hours of 6 p.m. and midnight all Europeans serving in exposed positions should carry fire-arms, and those not in exposed positions should be provided with side-arms and staves. After midnight all Europeans should have fire-arms, and Chinese in exposed positions should have fire-arms, but in the more central portions of the city side-arms and staves will probably be found sufficient protection.

During the day Indians and Chinese should carry fire-arms when doing duty in the upper roads and in the outskirts of the town.

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT.

28.—The papers and other evidence laid before the Committee bring under their consideration the subjects of public flogging, deportation, and the p.s. and light systems. With respect to the first of these, the Committee, adopting the words of Lord Carnarvon in his despatch of the 3rd January, 1878 (App. p. xi), are "by no means opposed to the use of corporal punishment within proper limits, with the due safeguards, and when applied to particular offences, and they also think with him "that the practice of flogging prisoners in public cannot be useful, and may easily become demoralizing." They notice with satisfaction that similar views are unanimously entertained by those officers of the Government to whom the subject has been recently referred. (App. pp. ix, x, xii, xiii, xiv, and xv.)

29.—The Committee agree with Mr. Deane that the system of granting conditional pardons is one of worse than doubtful efficiency, inasmuch as it takes men out of gaol who ought to be working out the sentences inflicted upon them by the Courts, and by destroying the certainty of such sentences being fully carried out, impairs their effect. (p. 37.) When combined with branding, men are turned out of gaol, whose subsequent careers are difficult to trace, but who, it is all but certain, can never here obtain an honest living in this Colony or on the mainland.

With regard to the system of deportation, it should be confined to the cases of habitual offenders and should be only employed in addition to and not in substitution of imprisonment. When so used, the Committee think the system may, on the whole, be of utility, and recommend its continuance. If, as is believed by some competent judges, 50 per cent of deported men leave the Colony not to return, some going to the mainland and some to Singapore or Australia, this Colony must needs benefit by their absence, how far undesirable such visitors may be considered in the Colonies they may select for their future abode. (p. 37 and 77.)

But if, as Mr. Creagh thinks, the half that "stay here are the worst of the lot," people who "dare not go to their own homes," who "loiter about our borders and wait to commit raids," (see also the evidence of Inspector Grimes, p. 77), the Committee can only regret that for a scheme so imperfect in its operation cannot be substituted the system of transportation His Excellency the Governor ineffectually attempted to introduce.

The Committee wish to add that they see no reason to believe that deportation has been of late unduly relaxed (p. 27), although it has not been carried out to the extent which prevailed during the earlier days of the Colony.

LIGHT AND PASS SYSTEMS.

30.—The Committee approve of Mr. Deane's suggestion in his Memo. of the 12th October last (Appendix, p. x) with respect to the advisability of limiting the hours for enforcing the pass system until the large audiences of the Chinese theatres now open every night have had time to get home; they would also extend the same concession to the carrying of lights; but they think that instead of the hours for the enforcement of the law commencing, as proposed, from midnight, they should be from 11 p.m. to sunrise, and that in return for this concession proprietors of the Chinese theatres should be requested to close them at half-past ten. The enforcement of either the pass or light system while the streets maintain the crowded condition they are in during the time the theatres are discharging their audience, is an absolute impossibility. Under existing circumstances the evasions of the law, and unavoidable slackness in enforcing it, are

so common as to cast doubts upon the utility of either system."

THE GAOL.

31.—The Committee find cause for congratulation in the efforts now being directed towards making the Gaol a place of more effective punishment, than it hitherto seems to have been. The introduction of the separate system is beyond all question calculated to have a most beneficial effect (p. p. 24, 25, 82, 83), but the Committee think that its operation may well be confined to prisoners undergoing sentences for felony and the more serious forms of misdemeanours, and should not be extended to men imprisoned for petty offences, such as common assault or in default of payment of fines.

The system of a scale of marks by which remission of sentences will be placed on a sound and intelligible footing, about to be introduced by Mr. Tonnochy to the Government, and explained by him in his evidence (p. p. 82, 83 and 84) meets with the thorough approval of the Committee. No plan could be better devised to promote discipline and render punishment salutary than one which makes his release dependent on the prisoner's own efforts and good conduct. Mr. Tonnochy's suggestion for the formation of a fund for the purpose of providing prisoners with pecuniary relief on their leaving gaol is also one worthy the attentive consideration of the Government. (p. 84.) The reduction in the scale of diet recently carried out under instructions from the Governor is a step calculated to produce a wholesome effect. Mr. Tonnochy told us that the maintenance of a rigid discipline in searching for and taking away the forbidden luxuries by which prisoners often seek to soften the rigour of their condition, had proved so successful a measure, that whereas generally old offenders used to be back in 24 hours after their discharge, he had, after keeping the strictest scrutiny, found that but two had returned within nearly three months. (p. 83.) The deprivation of luxuries is probably as great a punishment to the class of men from whom the bulk of the prisoners in Victoria come, as incarceration itself, and so far as is consistent with the proper preservation of their health they should be deprived of them. For instance, pork, which as an edible luxury possesses the highest attractions for these men, should, the Committee think, only be given to them when in the opinion of the Colonial Surgeon and the Superintendent of the Gaol, it is required in order to keep them in health.

Finally the Committee are glad to find that the friction between the Gaol and Police authorities, which in former years often formed a subject of complaint, has now disappeared, and that the two departments work together in a manner which cannot be but of great advantage to the public service.

C. MAY, Chairman.

F. RYAN.

THOS. C. HAYLAR.

* Personally I go beyond this opinion. I think that much of the evidence laid before the Committee shows that both systems not only do not answer any good purpose, but that they are positively mischievous. In the first place it is admitted, according to Mr. Creagh, 29 men out of 30, and according to the Chairman of the Committee, who has had better opportunities than any one else of forming a just estimate, 99 out of 100, of those arrested for being without lights or passes are "innocent men, chaps, coolies and so on." (p. 48.) This fact seems to me to dispose of Mr. Deane's argument in favour of the system that it "gives you an excuse for apprehending" the deportees. "You may not be sure who he is, and you can bring him up and inquire comfortably." It seems that to my very seldom catch your deportees, it is scarcely worth while taking it into consideration. Any one can carry a light, and passes are easily obtainable. A law therefore so easily evaded and so unequal in its operation cannot surely have the good effect claimed for it. But my objections do not stop here. One has been brought to our notice which strikes me as fatal. I allude to the fact that it takes a considerable time to arrest a man without light or pass, "it takes him a long time to go to the Central Station, and then his heat is joined to the next beat, that is, one constable has to look after two beats." (Mr. Creagh's evidence, p. 48.) It is still more probable that during his absence the beat is not looked after at all. So strongly does this view of the system seem to me to be struck the practical minds of the Inspectors, that during the late autumnal panic, although "no order was ever given to any one in the police, and the constables had no order whatever about night passes, the impression among the Inspectors was that there were more important things to attend to." So that "when crime is increasing," that is at the very time when the utility of the system is on its trial, "these things are dropped, because they take men from their beats." (p. 49.) Nor this, but the system is liable to be worked by their for their own purposes. "There is always this danger," says Mr. Deane, "about working this Ordinance, that it is so easy for a gang of thieves to send one fellow ahead to get taken up." (p. 20); and this is a case which "might have happened very easily without our hearing of it." (p. 44.)

THOS. C. HAYLAR.

Shipping Intelligence.
The following are corrected from the latest London and Colonial Papers, &c.:

VESSELS TO ARRIVE.

AT HONGKONG.

When left.	Name.	From.
Aug.	9, Urania,	Penarth
Sept.	25, Ulunum,	Caird
Oct.	10, Jacobine,	Liverpool
10, Rodine,	Caird	
10, Hermann,	Bremen	
Nov.	8, Jan Peter,	Manilla
21, Fulda,	Hamburg	
20, Roaire,	Caird	

When left.	Name.	From.
Dec.	18, Blenheim,	Flushing

Mails.



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BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MEDI-
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No. 98.

CHINA SEA.

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RIVER.

WOOSUNG INNER BAR SIGNALS.

NOTICE is hereby given that on and
after the 31st March, 1879, Geo-
metrical Signals will be substituted for
the flags now in use at the Woosung Inner
Bar Station, showing the depth of water
on the Bar during the day.

An explanatory diagram, showing the
signals which indicate the depth of water
from 10 feet to 24½ feet and which will
show the same in approaching the signal
station both from Shanghai and from sea-
ward, is added herewith.

To indicate a rising tide a ball will be
hoisted at the mast-head.
In case of there being greater or less
depths of water than here given, the num-
ber of feet will be signalled by the
"Universal Code of Signals" at the mast-
head, and the half feet by a red and white
flag at the yard-arm.

By order of the Inspector-General of
Customs.

GERALD E. WELLESLEY,

Acting Engineer-in-Chief.

Imperial Maritime Customs,
Engineer's Office,
Shanghai, 31st Jan., 1879.

Depth of water in feet on Bar.	South Yancham.	North Yancham.	Depth of water in feet on Bar.	South Yancham.	North Yancham.
10	▲	▲	17½	●	●
10½	▲	▲	18	●	●
11	▲	▲	18½	●	●
11½	▲	▲	19	●	●
12	▲	▲	19½	●	●
12½	▲	▲	20	●	●
13	▲	▲	20½	●	●
13½	▲	▲	21	●	●
14	▲	▲	21½	●	●
14½	▲	▲	22	●	●
15	▲	▲	22½	●	●
15½	▲	▲	23	●	●
16	▲	▲	23½	●	●
16½	▲	▲	24	●	●
17	▲	▲	24½	●	●

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Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *h*, near the Kowloon shore *k*, and those in the body of the
Shipping or midway between each shore are marked *c*, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.
3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.

Section.
5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.
8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor- age.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers								
Adria	2 h	Stewart	Brit.	str.	789	Mar. 5	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Salgon.
Albay	2 h	F. Ashton	Brit.	str.	366	Jan. 18	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Holhow
Alice	7 h		Ger.	str.	1	Mar. 1		South Sea Island
Belgio	5 c	Meyer	Brit.	str.	2652	Feb. 26	O. & S. S. Co.	Y'ham & S. Felice
Bombay	1 h		Brit.	str.	749	Feb. 12	Kwok Achong	
China	4 c	Ackermann	Ger.	str.	648	Mar. 9	Siemens & Co.	Shanghai
China	5 c	Alderton	Brit.	str.	1036	Feb. 27	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Yokohama
Conquest	5 h	Scott	Brit.	str.	317	Feb. 20	Shun Hong	Holhow & Halphong
Dale	5 h	Thompson	Brit.	str.	654	Mar. 4	Yuen Fat Hong	Bangkok
Douglas	5 h	Young	Brit.	str.	864	Mar. 7	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Coast Ports
Fame	5 h	Stepani	Brit.	str.	117	H. K. & W. Co.	Coast Ports
Hindostan	5 h	Gardner	Brit.	str.	391	Mar. 10	David Sassoon, Sons & Co.	S'pore, Calcutta, &c.
Killarney	5 c	O'Neill	Brit.	str.	1060	Feb. 26	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Port Darwin
Mennmur	5 c	Darke	Brit.	str.	800	Mar. 6	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Australian Ports
Norwich	5 h		Ger.	str.	606	June 28	Kwok Achong	
Olympic	2 h	Nagel	Ger.	str.	783	Mar. 3	Remedios & Co.	Manila
Sea Gull	2 h		Ger.	str.	48	July 18	W. H. Ray	
Thales	5 h	Lamont	Amer.	str.	820	Jan. 9	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	
Thibet	2 h	Torlock	Brit.	str.	1671	Mar. 10	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Shanghai
Thingvall	4 c	Molen	Dan.	str.	1577	Mar. 6	Meyer & Co.	
Venice	5 h	Rhode	Brit.	str.	1271	Mar. 7	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	S'pore, Calcutta, &c.
Votung	2 h	Guggin	Brit.	str.	286	Mar. 8	Kwok Achong	Swatow
Zephyr	1 h	Heuer	Brit.	str.	Russell & Co.	
Sailing Vessels								
Abbie N. Franklin	7 c	Howes	Amer.	bge.	460	Mar. 6	O. & S. S. Co.	Portland (Oregon)
Alden Beese	4 c	Noyes	Amer.	bge.	850	Dec. 17	Rozario & Co.	
B. P. Watson	8 c	Hawkins	Amer.	bge.	Mar. 8	Butterfield & Swire	
Beethoven	4 h	Heje	Ger.	bge.	340	Jan. 25	Melchers & Co.	
Black Hawk	8 c	Boydland	Amer.	sb.	1126	Jan. 18	Vogel & Co.	San Francisco
Black Watch	4 c	Kennish	Brit.	bge.	491	Dec. 6	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	Channel f.o.
Catherine Marden	4 c	Lucas	Amer.	sb.	1333	Jan. 22	Remedios & Co.	
Charmers	4 c	Lucas	Amer.	sb.	1333	Jan. 22	Remedios & Co.	
Christina	3 c	Capra	Nic. 3 m. so.	173	Dec. 9	J. J. dos Remedios & Co.		
Cilurnum	7 c	Beadle	Brit.	bge.	1888	Mar. 9	Messageries Maritimes	
Cooran	8 h	Howes	Amer.	sb.	188	July 18	W. H. Ray	
Coloma	4 c	Hall	Amer.	bge.	863	Nov. 16	Russell & Co.	Portland (Oregon)
Craigie Lea	7 c	Winther	Brit.	bge.	622	Mar. 1	Butterfield & Swire	
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